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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MACKI'S CALL ON ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY

1. IN CALL FEBRUARY 17 ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SOBER, OMAN AMBASSADOR MACKI, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, RAISED QUESTION OF U.S. CONSIDERATION
OF USE OF MASIRAH ISLAND, PRC'S INTENTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST
AND ARAB BOYCOTT.

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2. RE USE OF MASIRAH: AMBASSADOR ASKED WHEN OMANGOV
COULD EXPECT TO HEAR FROM US. SOBER RESPONDED THAT
WE REGRETTED DELAY BUT NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS NOW
CONSIDERING THIS QUESTION. WE COULD NOT SAY EXACTLY
WHEN WE WOULD BE READY TO COME FORWARD WITH USG POSITION,
BUT OMANGOV COULD BE ASSURED THAT QUESTION WAS UNDER
ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

3. RE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: AMBASSADOR SAID OMANGOV WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER PRC HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS POSSIBILITY.) HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR VIEWS REGARDING PRC INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS IN NEAR EAST. SOBER UNDERTOOK TO GATHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON SUBJECT.
4. RE BOYCOTT, AMBASSADOR SAID DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER AT LENGTH WITH OMANI MINISTER OF COMMERCE. RESULT WAS THAT OMANGOV HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT "POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS FOR GOODS BUT NOT FOR SHIPPING". (WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM EMBASSY THAT OMAN DOCUMENTS NOW ARE TO CARRY FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE VESSEL DID NOT CALL AND WILL NOT INTEND TO CALL AT ANY ISRAEL PORT AND IS NOT ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT (SIC)."). SOBER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS AND URGED OMANGOV CONSIDER DROP BLACKLIST CLAUSE CONCERNING SHIPPING. HE SAID IN HIS VIEW SECONDARY BOYCOTT WAS DAMAGING PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO THE ARAB CAUSE IN U.S. WITHOUT MATERIALLY AFFECTING U.S.-ISRAEL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
5. MIDDLE EAST QUESTION: SAYING THAT HIS VIEWS REFLECTED FEELINGS OF HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT HE REGARDED AS HARDENING OF ISRAELI ATTITUDES JUST WHEN ARABS WERE SHOWING GREATER FLEXIBILITY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. SOBER NOTED THAT OUR CONTINUING DEEP INTEREST
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IN A SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WAS CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN SECRETARY'S TRIP AND IN INVITATION TO LEADERS OF KEY COUNTRIES TO VISIT U.S. EARLY THIS YEAR.

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